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TESTIMONY OF STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS ON April 19, 2012

SCR 57 SD 2

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Bellati, and members of the committee, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am pleased to offer written comments on SCR 57 SD 2.

First of all, allow me to express the appreciation of the SFCA

Commission and myself to Representative Wooley and the Committee on

Culture and the Arts for the tremendous support and encouragement that the

SFCA has received during this session. We can only accomplish a fair review

of our organization with the leadership and support of our lawmakers.

That said, we are in agreement with SCR 57 SD 2, which will address the following objectives:

- 1. Where the SFCA as an attached agency should be placed in State government;
- 2. How the SFCA can address financial sustainability and a substantially increased budget by 2014;
- 3. The adoption of a new strategic plan to guide the agency through FY2019 and a working cultural policy over a designated period of time; and
- 4. Adjustments as appropriate to programs and/or infrastructure for the purposes of sustainability.

We are also pleased that the working group will include other state

agencies, our constituents in the community and prominent organizations in culture and arts such as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Bishop Museum,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on this matter.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

OF

DEAN H. SEKI, STATE COMPTROLLER

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TO THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

ON

CULTURE & THE ARTS

ON

April 19, 2012

S.C.R. 57, S.D. 2

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Wooley and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.C.R. 57, S.D. 2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports S.C.R. 57, S.D. 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.





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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE & THE ARTS

Thursday, April 19, 2012 1:00 pm State Capitol, Conference Room 423

in consideration of SCR 57, SD2

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION OF THE CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Wooley, Vice-Chair Au Belatti, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports the intent of SCR 57, SD2, which requests the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) to establish a working group to develop recommendations, evaluate best practices, and develop a sustainable funding model to support SFCA and its grants programs, as well as recommendations regarding the administrative placement of the agency and to report these findings to the Legislature prior to the 2013 session.

SFCA has been a working partner with DBEDT over the past years and we welcome the opportunity to work together with the agency and stakeholders outlined in this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Testimony of WILLIAM J. AILA, JR. Chairperson

Before the House Committee on CULTURE & THE ARTS

Thursday, April 19, 2012 1:00 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 423

In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 57, SENATE DRAFT 2
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REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF THE STATE
FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, Senate Draft 2 requests the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) to establish a working group to develop recommendations regarding the administrative placement of that agency. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution which in addition to looking for the best administrative placement for SFCA, also looks at what are best mechanisms for tourism and culture and the arts to intersect in ways that celebrate the unique culture and history of Hawaii. The Department welcomes the opportunity to be included as a participant in the working group.

Thank for the opportunity to comment on this measure.